

A Paragraph of the Edinburgh Gazette, whereby it is owned, That the Ship for which Capt. Green, and his Crew, are Condemned (and some of them Executed) was a Ship belonging to the Scotch Indian and African Company, Commanded by Capt. Drummond.

WE hear that George Haines, one of Capt. Green's Crew, condemn'd for Piracy, formerly mention'd; has made a farther Acknowledgment of the Crimes for which he, and the said Crew are condemn'd; and particularly, that the Vessel taken by them on the Coast of *Mallabar* (condemned on by the Witnesses) was a Ship belonging to our *Indian and African Company*, Commanded by Capt. Drummond; and that they murdered all the Men on board her, by chopping off some of their Heads with a Hatchet, and tying others Back to Back, and throwing them into the Sea. He has likewise given Information of several other Things, which gives a great deal of Light to the whole Matter. 'Tis said, several others of the Crew have dropt some Words which do insinuate the Guilt; but seem to scruple the making of a plain Confession, in regard of an Oath of Secrecy which was made amongst them.

Assidarius of Israel Phipeny, and Peter Freeland, two of Captain Drummond's Ship's Crew, said to be murdered by Capt. Green and his Crew; for which he, and others, are Executed in Scotland.

Israel Phipeny, aged about 21 Years, born in the Town of *Salem*, in *New-England*, and late Apprentice to *George Lockhart*, Merchant of *Glasgow*, in *Scotland*: And *Peter Freeland*, aged about 38 Years, born in the Parish of *Slains*, near *Aberdeen*, in *Scotland*; maketh Oath: That they did both formerly belong to a Ship called, *The Speedy Return*, belonging to the Scotch Company Trading to *Africa*, and the *East-Indies* (of which Capt. Drummond was Commander) and that on, or about the 26th Day of *May*, which was in the Year 1701, the said Ship, *The Speedy Return*, failed from *Newport, Glasgow*, in *Scotland*, in Company with *The Content Brigantine*, Capt. *Stewart* Commander: And that the Lading of *The Speedy Return* aforesaid, consisted of Brandy, Mum, Strong Beer, Cheese, Knives, Hats, Shoes, Stockings, Chefts of Fire-Arms, and Gunpowder, and of Wine taken in at *Madera's*, purchased with part of their Provisions, and of no other sorts of Goods or Merchandize, nor had any Money on board, to the best of their Knowledge: And that the Cargo of the *Content Brigantine* was much the same, to the best of their Knowledge.

That from *Glasgow* aforesaid, they failed to *Madera's*; from *Madera's* to *St. Thomas*, on the Coast of *Guinea*; from thence to *Bengola*, on the said Coast; from thence to the *Cape of Good Hope*; from thence to the Island of *St. Mary's*, near *Madagascar*; where several *English* and *French-Men* came on board *The Speedy Return*, and bought Liquors. Here *The Speedy Return*, and *Content Brigantine*, remained till the beginning of *May* 1702, and took on board Negroes, which were transported to *Don Mascarenhas* (a French Island) and sold to the Governour there: They arrived at *Don Mascarenhas* about the end of *June* 1702, where they met with the *Rook-Gally*, Capt. *Honeycomb*; who examined Capt. Drummond, suspecting him to be a Pirate, and after Examination let him go. From *Don Mascarenhas*, *The Speedy Return* failed to *Marian*, or *Madagascar*, and arrived there in *July* 1702, where Capt. Drummond went ashore; and about 9 or 10 Hours after his going ashore, 5 several Persons (who afterwards appeared to be Pirates) armed with Pistols, came on board the said *Speedy Return*, with a pretence to buy something, and taking the advantage of the said Capt. Drummond, *Andrew Wilky* his Surgeon, and several of the said Ships Company being ashore, and others working in the Hold, the said 5 Persons, by force of Arms, took possession of the said Ship, and immediately made a Signal, upon which about 40 or 50 other Pirates came aboard the said Ship, and then took the aforesaid *Content Brigantine*. The Pirates remained at *Marian*, about 6 or 8 Days, with *The Speedy Return*, and *Brigantine*, and then failed from thence, leaving ashore at *Marian* Capt. Drummond, *Charles Provence* Chief Mate, *James Davis* Carpenter, and *John Macclachee* Foremast-Man of *The Speedy Return*. From thence these Deponents proceeded in *The Speedy Return*, and in Company with *The Content Brigantine*, to *Don Mascarenhas*, in search of the *Rook-Gally* aforesaid, as they were informed by the Pirates. In their Passage from *Marian*, they lost Company with the *Brigantine*, and

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after that arrived at *Don Mascarenhas*, where they staid about 8 or 10 Days, and were supplied with Provisions, &c. Not finding the *Rook-Gally* there, the Pirates went to *Mauritius* in search of her; where they fee 4 or 5 Ships in the N. W. Harbour; which the Pirates judging too strong to be attempted by them, failed away from thence to *Port Dauphin*, and thence to *Augustin Bay* on *Madagascar*. A few Days after *The Content Brigantine* came into *Augustin Bay*, having been ran on a Ledge of Rocks off the West-side of *Madagascar*, was then very leaky; for which reason the Pirates hailed her ashore, and there burnt her: All the Brigantine's Men then coming aboard *The Speedy Return*. Here the Pirates were informed by the Negroes, That another Gang of Pirates had taken the Ship *Prosperous*, and was gone with her to *New Matbelage*, after about 14 Days stay at *Augustin Bay*. *The Speedy Return* fail'd from thence to *New Matbelage*, in search of the *Prosperous*, designing to joyn Company with her when *The Speedy Return* arrived at *New Matbelage*; the Pirates were informed, that the *Prosperous* had been there, and was gone from thence. So after some stay there, they proceeded thence to the Islands of *Joanna* and *Mayotta*, still in search of the *Prosperous*, who they found at *Mayotta*, which was about *Christmas* 1702, where they continued in Company together. And about the beginning of *March* 1703, Capt. George Woolley, in the Ship *Pembroke*, was taken by the Pirates in the *Prosperous* and *Speedy Return* Boat, near *Mayotta*. Capt. Woolley, and his Carpenter, a Black named *Francisco d' Cruz*, were forcibly detained by the Pirates, who after plundering the *Pembroke* of what they had occasion for, dismissed her. Immediately after the taking the *Pembroke*, the *Prosperous* and *Speedy Return* failed from *Mayotta* to *New Matbelage*: When arrived there, there was a Dispute between the Captains and Crews of the *Prosperous* and *Speedy Return*, who should have Captain Woolley for their Pilot; he remained in the *Prosperous*, and the *Speedy Return* went from *New Matbelage* to *Augustin Bay*, where the said Ship was Cleaned and Victualled, and then went from thence, designing for *Mayotta* to joyn the *Prosperous*, as had been concerted at *New Matbelage*; but the Winds being contrary, the *Speedy Return* could not reach *Mayotta*, but went to *Joanna*, and thence design'd to go to the *Red Sea*, but the Winds being contrary could not fetch in there, so bore away for the High-Land of *St. John's* near *Surat*, where they met the *Prosperous* aforesaid. About the latter end of *August*, or beginning of *September*, 1703, they had sight of 4 Ships, to whom the *Prosperous* and *Speedy Return* gave chase, 2 of which 4 Ships stood to the Northward, and two to the Southward, the *Speedy Return* chased the two Ships who stood to the Southward, and took one of them who was a *Moor's* Ship of about 700 Tuns, bound from *Mocha* to *Surat*: When they had taken the said Ship, they went with her and the *Speedy Return* to *Rajapore*, on the Coast of *India*. After they had been there sometime, the *Prosperous* came there, she having taken a *Moor's* Ship, plundered her, and left her a-drift in the Sea, as these Deponents were informed. Here at *Rajapore*, the Captains, and Crews, of the *Prosperous* and *Speedy Return*, went all on board the *Moor's* Ship aforesaid, taken by the *Speedy Return*, and then named by them the *Defiance*, which they mounted with 56 Guns, and manned with about 250 Men, Whites and Blacks: And then at *Rajapore* aforesaid, the said Pirates did in one Afternoon set fire to, and burn the *Prosperous* and *Speedy Return* aforesaid, which was in the Month of *October* 1703. Soon after, these Deponents failed from *Rajapore*, in the said Ship *Defiance*, ranging down the Coast of *India* and *Mallabar*, near to *Cochin*, on the *Mallabar* Coast, where several Persons came from the Shoar on board the *Defiance*, and brought off Provision, Liquor, Cloths, &c. all things which the Pirates desired: And here Capt. Woolley aforesaid being sick, was on his earnest Intreaty, released by the Pirates and went ashore. From near *Cochin* the *Defiance* failed down the *Mallabar* Coast, and in their way took the *Pembroke* aforesaid, a second time; they took out of her some Sugar, and some other small things, and then discharged her from the *Mallabar* Coast. These Deponents failed in the *Defiance* to *Mauritius*, where these Deponents made their Escape; and the *Raper-Gally* soon after arriving there, they went on board her, and are now arrived here at *London*.

And those Deponents do further declare, That at, or after the Time of the Pirates taking the said Ship *Speedy Return*, neither the said Capt. Drummond, nor any other Persons belonging to her, were killed or wounded; neither was she ever attacked by a Ship called the *Worcester*. Capt. Green Commander, or any other Ship, Sloop, or Vessel whatever.

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